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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 230-4-5

SUBJECT: EOP - FWP - WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Purpose. To inform NRCS employees of Women's History Month and to provide information about submitting names for the Susan B. Anthony Award.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2004.

Action Requested by March 10, 2004

**Susan B. Anthony Award**

During Women's History Month we take the time to honor the women and men within NRCS that have shown a strong commitment to the Federal Women's Program and women's issues with the **Susan B. Anthony Award**. The people selected may or may not have been directly involved with the Federal Women's Program, but have shown in some way that they care about equal opportunity, civil rights and the advancement of women and minorities. Those selected have demonstrated their willingness to do a little extra in order to help fellow employees succeed in their careers. Things we are looking for in a candidate include:

- Involved in training
- Serve as a good role model for other employees
- Supporter of Federal Women's Program activities
- Serving on a special committee or outreach project
- Writes articles for newsletter or routes Federal Women's Program related materials
- Serves as a mentor
- Other outreach efforts

Nominations can be submitted by anyone, but the final decision on who will be awarded the Susan B. Anthony rests with the FWP Committee members and Mr. Hunt. I would ask for your assistance in seeking a worthy candidate to be submitted from each area.

To submit someone's name for the award, complete the information below and send to your Area FWP Representative by March 10, 2004.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIELD OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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HAS THE CANDIDATE RECEIVED THE AWARD BEFORE? \_\_\_\_\_

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**CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**  
*Women Inspiring Hope & Possibility-2004*

The National Women's History Project (NWHP) 2004 theme, *Women Inspiring Hope & Possibility*, incorporates both pioneering women from U.S. history, who:

- Led and won struggles for equality and civil rights;
- Created and advanced educational and professional opportunities;
- Made great contributions to the arts, sciences, and humanistic causes; and,
- Furthered these efforts and continue to expand the frontiers of possibility for generations to come.

There are, of course, many women to possibly select from our history and present times, many whose names and stories you have suggested, and still many unsung women who make great yet unacknowledged contributions to our society. In celebrating National Women's History Month, we honor all women who have touched this Nation's history and our own personal history, women who contribute to the people and ideals of this great country.

This year, as we strive to do every year, the NWHP has selected women exemplary of the many women who inspire us. We are honored to introduce these women who serve as role models in pioneering our future by wholeheartedly meeting challenges in their present.

**Sarah Buel (b.1953) Domestic Violence Activist and Attorney, Educator**

Escaping the brutality of domestic violence in her own life, Sarah Buel has for almost three decades been an impassioned advocate for the legal rights of battered women, abused children. Believing that becoming an attorney would give her, the best vehicle to advocate for battered women and their children, she graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School and now runs a legal clinic for battered women. She is also co-founder and co-director of the National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

**Edna Campbell (b. 1968) Professional Athlete, Spokesperson for Breast Cancer Awareness.**

A breast cancer survivor and professional athlete, Edna Campbell travels throughout the country as a spokesperson for breast cancer awareness, encouraging all women to do regular breast exams and inspiring those with cancer to have hope and courage in challenging the disease. She uses these opportunities to recognize other survivors and to raise money for breast cancer research. Campbell's grace and joyful spirit serves as a beacon of hope for all affected by the disease.

**Jill Ker Conway (b. 1934) Educator, Writer, Historian.**

As educator, writer, and historian, Jill Ker Conway's fearless study of her own life, public role, and intellectual development give voice and form to the leadership, scholarship, and success of a women's education. As the first female president of Smith College, Conway's unrelenting beliefs in a set of values that have the power to take root in people and institutions have inspired new possibilities for generations of women.

**Marain Wright Edelman (b. 1943) Children Rights Advocate and Civil Rights Activist.**

From her earliest years Marian Wright Edelman was encouraged to help others. As a lawyer, civil rights activist, and founder of the Children's Defense Fund, she provides a strong voice for those who have been denied the power to speak for themselves. Her work sustains the hope that comes with access to quality health care, immunizations, nutritious food, and educational opportunities.

**Maxine Hong Kingston (b. 1940) Writer, Educator, Peace Activist**

Acclaimed writer and poet Maxine Hong Kingston uses the rich cultural images and traditions of her Chinese ancestry in her melodious and poetic story telling. Kingston often combines autobiography and fiction and uses dreams and memory, myth and desire to investigate and discover the fullness of one's power. She uses the process of storytelling to both heal and expand the human spirit.

**Susan Love (b. 1948) Women's Health and Breast Cancer Research Expert**

A founder of the breast cancer advocacy movement, Dr. Susan Love co-founded the National Breast Cancer Coalition bringing more than 200 organizations and thousands of individual members devoted to obtaining input from breast cancer advocates as well as federal funding for research. As a surgeon and author, Love has inspired generations of physicians to listen to their patients and to use the least intrusive procedures.

**Vilma Martinez (b. 1945) Civil Rights Attorney, Community Activist**

Knowing the importance of the securing and protecting the rights of all people. Vilma Martinez, served nine years as President and General Council of the Mexican - American Legal Defense Fund (MALDF). Her work in education, community development, and employment litigation demonstrates that hope can create unimagined possibilities.

**Leslie Marmon Silko (b. 1948) Writer, Poet, Educator**

Acclaimed storyteller, poet, and writer, Leslie Marmon Silko credits her Laguna heritage with everything that makes her a writer and a human being. Silko's love for storytelling began as a child when she would listen to the stories of her great-grandmother. For Silko, storytelling is

more than oral history, storytelling is a ceremony that links the mythical deities and the people themselves creating hope, purpose, and survival.

**References:**

The National Women's History Project ([www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org))

**For more information on special emphasis programs, please visit the following home page:**  
Federal Women's Program <http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/FWP/index.htm>

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